S&H Form: (10/03) Attorney Docket No. 826.1768 **Application Number** 09/986,027 REPLY/AMENDMENT Filing Date November 7, 2001 FEE TRANSMITTAL Yoichi OIKAWA First Named Inventor **Group Art Unit** 2874 AMOUNT ENCLOSED 0.00 **Examiner Name** FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03) Highest Number Number **CLAIMS AS** Claims Remaining ເພດ Calcul**≸ti**ons AMENDED After Amendment Previously Paid For Extra Rate TOTAL CLAIMS X\$ 18.00 = 65:00 9 20 = 0 INDEPENDENT X \$ 86.00 =0.00 7 = 0 7 **CLAIMS** Since an Official Action set an original due date of January 21, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00) If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00) Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00) \$ 0.00 Total of above Calculations = Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28) 0.00 TOTAL FEES DUE = (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0". (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20". (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0". (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3". METHOD OF PAYMENT Check enclosed as payment. Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below. П No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically \boxtimes required to obtain a filing date). **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION** X If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to: 19-3935 Deposit Account No. STAAS & HALSEY LLP Deposit Account Name The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under \boxtimes 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application. SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP Richard A. Gollhofer 31,106 Typed Name Reg. No.

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OPTICAL SWITCH FOR COMPENSATING FOR DEGRADATION OF OPTICAL-

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on January 21, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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